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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1 and add new claims 9-14 as set forth below.

1. - 8. (Canceled)

9. (New) A system for detecting forgery of a sheet, said system including a forgery detecting device and a memory device which are connected via a network,

said sheet including an electronic circuit chip which stores a unique number and is difficult to rewrite the same,

said memory device storing unique information correlated with said unique number, said unique information being unique to said sheet, said electronic circuit chip or a combination of the sheet and the electronic circuit chip,

said forgery detecting device including a control unit, a scanning unit and a discriminating unit,

said control unit reading out said stored unique number from said electronic circuit chip provided in said sheet,

said control unit taking out from said memory device said stored unique information correlated with said unique

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number and unique to said sheet, said electronic circuit chip  
or a combination of the sheet and the electronic circuit chip,

said scanning unit acquiring information obtained  
from said sheet, and

said discriminating unit comparing said unique  
information unique to said sheet, said electronic circuit chip  
or a combination of the sheet and the electronic circuit chip  
with said information obtained by scanning said sheet to  
discriminatively determine whether the information acquired  
from said sheet is authentic.

10. (New) A forgery detecting system according to claim  
9, wherein said forgery detecting device includes a  
transmitter and a receiver,

said transmitter is responsive to an instruction  
from said control unit to supply electric power to said sheet  
by transmission of an electric wave,

said electronic circuit chip provided in said sheet  
is responsive to supply of electric power by said electric  
wave to transmit said unique number stored therein, and

said receiver is responsive to reception of said  
transmitted unique number to output the same to said control  
unit.

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11. (New) A forgery detecting system according to claim 9, wherein said memory device encrypts the information unique to said sheet, said electronic circuit chip or a combination of the sheet and the electronic circuit chip when taken out by said control unit,

said forgery detecting device includes a decrypting unit, and

said decrypting unit decrypts the information unique to said sheet, said electronic circuit chip or a combination of the sheet and the electronic circuit chip when taken out by said control unit and outputs the decrypted information to said control unit.

12. (New) A forgery detecting system according to claim 9, wherein said memory device is provided in said sheet having said electronic circuit chip.

13. (New) A forgery detecting system according to claim 9, wherein said forgery detecting device comprises an output unit, and said control unit outputs a result of said discrimination by said discriminating unit to said output unit.

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14. (New) A forgery detecting system according to claim 9, wherein said forgery detecting device comprises an image processing unit, and

said image processing unit image-processes information from said sheet by scanning the sheet, and outputs a result of the image-processing therefor to said discriminating unit.